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SUBJECT: SLOVENIA TO DEPOSIT NATO RATIFICATION INSTRUMENT
FOR CROATIA ON MARCH 30

¶1. (SBU) Slovenia's president, Danilo Turk, signed the parliament's ratification of Croatia's NATO accession into law around 1 p.m. on March 27. He explained to the press that he had received the official determination from Pavel Gantar, Speaker of Parliament, that SSN had not met the conditions required to hold a referendum. Gantar had called CDA earlier on March 27 to notify us that he had ended the referendum process with "the unanimous support of (their) constitutional lawyers," since SSN did not collect even a tenth of the required 40,000 signatures. President Turk noted that after his signature, Slovenia would publish the law in the official gazette. The law goes into effect on March 28, the day after publication.

¶2. (SBU) On March 29, Barbara Susnik, MFA desk officer for the Americas, will depart Ljubljana for Washington with the ratification instrument. Slovenia will then deposit its instrument on March 30.
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